(b) whether it is a fact that the ACRs have become highly personal and cardinal; and

(c) the steps proposed to change the system and make it transparent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to make the performance appraisal system transparent, it has been decided to disclose Performance Appraisal Reports to the officers reported upon and to constitute the Referral Boards to consider representations from the officers reported upon on the performance assessment.

Age limit for getting jobs

†1716. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bihar Government have raised the age-limit for getting jobs; and

(b) whether Government are also considering to raise the age-limit, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Matter raised does not concern the Government of India. However, the same is being collected from Government of Bihar.

(b) No proposal to raise the existing age-limit for recruitment to posts in the Government of India is presently under consideration.

Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT)

1717. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the broad objectives envisaged in constituting the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT);

(b) the details of number of cases dealt with by CAT since its inception till 30th June, 2006, year-wise;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of number of appeals preferred by Government against CAT orders and preferred by employees indicating number of cases where adjudicating Courts upheld CAT's ruling in appeals by Government and by employees, separately, year-wise; and

(d) the number of cases pending before CAT at the end of each year since 1999-2000 indicating number of new cases registered during the respective year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Central Administrative Tribunal has been set up for adjudication of disputes and complaints with respect to recruitment and conditions of service of persons appointed to the public services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Central Government.

(b) and (d) A Statement-l is attached (See below).

(c) A Statement-ll is attached.

Statement-I

Year-wise details of institution, disposal and pendency of cases in the Central Administrative Tribunal

Year	(institution) cases Transferred from various courts (TA) and fresh cases (OA) field	Disposal during the year	Pendency at the end of the year
1	2	3	4
1985	2963	30	2933
(November) 1986	23177	8934	17176
1987	19410	15084	21502
1988	19425	13769	27158
1989	18602	13986	31774
1990	19283	15495	35562
1991	21623	17552	39633
1992	25184	23782	41035

1	2	3	4
1993	27067	28074	40028
1994	26230	26409	39489
1995	25789	23668	41970
1996	23584	20667	44887
1997	23098	21981	46004
1998	21911	18394	49521
1999	22944	24566	47899
2000	25146	31398	41647
2001	25977	31953	35671
2002	25398	29514	31555
2003	25089	28076	28568
2004	23825	27735	24658
2005	21528	22408	23778
Upto June 2006	9083	8276	24585
TOTAL	476336	451751	

Statement-ll

Year-wise details of appeal referred by Government and employees against orders of the Central Administrative Tribunal

(A) Appeals referred by Government

Year	No. of appeals preferred by Government against CAT rulings	No. of cases in which adjudicating courts upheld CAT rulings
2001	685	398
2002	617	314
2003	731	363
2004	853	348
2005	523	340
Upto June,2006	255	116

(B) Appeals preferred by employees

Year	No. of appeals preferred by employees against CAT rulings	No. of cases in which adjudicating courts upheld CAT rulings
2001	632	373
2002	775	382
2003	767	354
2004	873	452
2005	715	403
Upto June, 2006	241	157

IAS officers in Central Services

1718. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of IAS officers in Central Services;

(b) whether voluntary retirement scheme is extended to this cadre;

(c) if so, the details of monetary incentive and package offer therefor to such optees;

(d) to what extent it would cost the exchequer; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A total of 706 IAS officers are working with the Central Government as on 1.08.2006.

(b) No such scheme has been extended to this cadre.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Reservation in Government jobs

†1719. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fifty per cent seats in Government jobs are reserved;

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